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*Coosa River 1878.*

ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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MINUTES

*Rules of Association*

Forty-Fifth Annual Session

OF THE

COOSA RIVER

Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

SULPHUR SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH,

CALHOUN COUNTY, ALABAMA,

September 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th, 1878.

OFFICERS :

ELDER J. J. D. RENFROE, Talladega,	:	:	Moderator.
JAMES L. WILKES, Syllauga.	:	:	Clerk.
J. K. ELLIOTT, Talladega,	:	:	Treasurer.

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*Rev. J. M. Scott*



## COMMITTEES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

J. C. Wright,  
T. P. Gwin,  
J. S. Kelly,

### STATE MISSIONS.

S. Henderson,  
W. A. Welch,  
C. R. Cross.

### SABBATH SCHOOLS.

E. T. Smyth,  
J. B. Mynatt,  
J. L. Wilkes,

### EDUCATION.

W. Wilkes,  
S. B. Glazener,  
Simon Morris.

### FAMILY RELIGION.

Lealis Law,  
A. W. Bell,  
Paul Castleberry,

### EXECUTIVE.

C. R. Cross,  
Jas. Headen,  
I. B. Merriam,  
J. H. Joiner,  
Jno. Henderson.

### TRUSTEES I. M. FUND.

Jas. Headen,  
W. R. Stone,  
I. B. Merriam,  
W. A. Welch,  
Thos. W. Curry,

### PROVISIONAL.

Jas. Headen,  
C. R. Cross,  
B. M. Fluker,  
J. B. Mynatt,  
A. W. Bell.

# MINUTES.

BRUNER, CALHOUN CO. ALA.,  
September 13th, 1878. }

**B**RETHREN from churches of the Coosa River Baptist Association met this day with Sulphur Springs Church to organize the Forty-fifth Annual Session of the Association. Introductory sermon preached by Rev. J. C. Wright at 11 a. m. Text, Mat. 24: 9, 30. After intermission, delegates assembled to complete organization. Devotional exercises conducted by Eld. T. P. Gwin, former Moderator. Prayer by Rev. W. C. McCall, of Georgia.

On motion, Dr. Renfro, J. L. Wilkes was requested to act as Clerk, pro tem.

Communications from the churches presented and read by Elders McCall and Wright.

Messengers names enrolled as follows:

## FIRST DISTRICT.

*Cold Water*—M D C Spradley, W W Hallman.

*Sulphur Springs*—E Martin, F Crow, Peter Acker, J R Gilchrist.

*Antioch*—S C Jenkins, C Hughes, Jas Hendrick.

*Salem*—Gordon Mynatt, Jno B Mynatt

*Oxford*—E T Smyth, T P Gwin, J C Wright, J S Kelly.

*Jacksonville*—G B Donthit.

*Post Oak Spring*—S D McClellan, E J Andrews, W W Weaver, E D McClellan.

*Mt. Zion, (Calhoun)*—W S Neel, W S Griffin, V L Weir, S H Weaver.

*Oak Bowery*—W C Mynatt, E V Weaver, W R Mynatt, Avery Ingram, H Weaver.

*Cane Creek*—H Johnson, G W Loyd, B B Nunnally.

*Munford*—G W Mattison, A W McCain, W D Wright, S Hall.

## SECOND DISTRICT.

*Cave Creek*—Calvin Griffin, W L Johnson, J H Lester.

*Blue Eye*—Jabez E Best, E M Gray, Jas Embry, jr.

*Talladega*—A W McGaha, J J D Renfro.

*Union, (New)*—Leopold Merkl, C P Norris, J W McCain.

*Ferryville*—J J Kennedy, N Willingham, O M Quattlebaum

*Refuge*—Wm A Watson, T R Burns, W L McCain, W T Hall, A S Acker.

*Pleasant Grove*—Wiley Ozletree, J K Elliot.

*Alpine*—H M Burt, W A Welch, Jas Headen, S Henderson.

*Hephzibah*—C R Cross, W A Hawkins.

## THIRD DISTRICT.

*Pilgrims Rest*—E Haywood.

*Fl. Williams*—Larkin Waters.

*Tallaschatchie*—S B Glazener, F S Mauldin, H D Moore.

*Childersburg*—D B Oden, K J Thomas.

*Mt. Zion (Talladega)*—W Wilkes, S R Moriss, J L Wilkes.

*Mt. Sharon*—Letter. No delegates.

*Rocky Mount*—A J Barnet, J D Hammonds.

## FOURTH DISTRICT.

*Shiloh*—Dissolved.

*Harpersville*—Letter. No delegates.

*Spring Creek*—Jas S Elliott, C F Elliott.

*Macedonia*—A M Posey, W L Davis.

*Coosa Valley*—L Law, Paul Castleberry, Ignatius Purcell,  
R D Willingham.

Moderator next announced election of officers in order.  
Brethren Whatley and McCall requested to act as tellers.

Rev. J. J. D Renfro, D. D., was elected Moderator. Jas.  
L. Wilkes, clerk. On motion, Dr. Henderson, J. K. Elliott  
was re-elected Treasurer, by acclamation.

On motion Rev. E. T. Smyth, minutes of last session adopted  
as guide for present session.

Churches wishing to join this body, enquired for. Where-  
upon messengers from Post Oak Springs and Union Baptist  
churches came forward with letters, which were read. Dele-  
gates welcomed by the moderator.

Committee on Preaching appointed, consisting of the Pastor  
and Deacons of Sulphur Springs church.

Committee on Finance, Bros. D. B. Oden, S. B. Glazener  
and E. V. Weaver.

On motion, Elder E. T. Smyth, the hours of meeting and  
adjourning fixed as in last session, viz: from 9 a. m. to  
12 m. and 1 p. m. to 4½ p. m.

Rules of Decorum read by clerk.

On motion, Elder E. T. Smyth, Rules ordered printed with  
Minutes of this session.

On motion, Dr. Henderson, clerk was directed to have cor-  
rectly printed Art. 14 of Rules, as per action of this body in  
a former session.

On motion, Elder Law, Rev. W. C. McCall and Bro. S. J.  
Whatley of Georgia, were received as welcome visitors.

On motion, Elder E. T. Smyth, J. J. D. Renfro, President  
of State Mission Board and W. Wilkes, District Evangelist of  
that Board, were recognized in their official capacity.

By motion, S. Henderson, call for correspondents post-  
poned until another day.

Delegates to State convention at Birmingham in July 1879, are Elders Paul Castleberry, L. Law, W. Wilkes, S. Henderson, S. G. Jenkins, E. T. Smyth, T. P. Gwin, J. C. Wright, Gordon Mynatt and Brethren J. S. Kelly, D. B. Oden, E. M. Gray, James Headen, Jas. L. Wilkes and C. R. Cross.

On motion, Dr. Henderson, to morrow at 10 a. m. made special hour to consider interests of State Mission Board.  
Adjourned until 9 a. m. to morrow, Prayer by Elder W. F. McCain.

*Second Day—Saturday.*

9 a. m.: Assembled pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Brother Whatly.

Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

Report on "Indigent Ministers Fund" presented and read; after remarks by Brethren Henderson and Headen, further action on this, postponed until immediately after dinner.

10 a. m.: State Missions, special order for this hour, again considered. By invitation, J. J. D. Renfro, President Board, and W. Wilkes, Evangelist, addressed the body. Elder E. T. Smyth in the chair. Both dwelt forcibly upon the object, influence and importance of the work now fully begun by this Board; showing that this is the most important and successful enterprise ever undertaken by the Baptists of Alabama.

On motion, E. T. Smyth, made by request of Elder McCall, Preaching appointed for this hour, dispensed with at present.

After additional remarks on State Missions by S. Henderson, and on motion by him the roll of churches called in order, and delegates, from each, requested to announce amount their churches would contribute to this cause.

Cash and pledges amounted to \$326. (For amount pledged by each church see appendix.)

The following, by J. J. D. Renfro, adopted:

In the absence of a regular report on the subject of State Missions,

Resolved, That this Association is still in hearty sympathy with the State Mission Board of our State Convention, located at Talladega, and that we are ready to give earnest co operation to its work; and we welcome into our midst Brother Wilkes as our Evangelist, and urge our churches to extend to him a liberal support.

Adjourned to 1 p. m. Prayer by Elder Jenkins.

1 p. m.: Re-assembled. Prayer by Brother Purcell.

On motion, W. Wilkes, Brother Larkin Waters, on account of sickness in his family, was given permission to leave at pleasure.

Indigent Ministers Fund, special order.

Additional remarks on this subject made by Wilkes, Headen, Jenkins, Nunnally, Purcell and Castleberry. Report adopted. (See Appendix.)

On motion, Elder E. T. Smyth, same Provisional Committee, and Trustees of Indigent Ministers Fund of last year, re-appointed, with full power to fill any vacancies which may occur. After allowing, on this topic, further remarks by Brethren Headen, D. B. Oden and Jno. B. Mynatt contributions in cash and notes solicited. Cash received \$5

On motion, E. T. Smyth, correspondents to other Associations appointed as follows:

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Tallassehatchie—E. T. Smyth and J. C. Wright.

Gahaba Valley—Paul Castleberry, R. D. Willingham and W. Wilkes.

Boiling Springs—S. G. Jenkins, T. P. Gwin and E. Martin: Committee on Sabbath Schools to report Monday.

Treasurer's report read and accepted. (See B.)

Report on Family Religion read by Elder E. T. Smyth. After remarks by Elders Castleberry and Wilkes the report adopted. (Appendix C.)

Report on Foreign Missions read by Elder S. Henderson, who then spoke forcibly and earnestly in the interest of this cause. Report adopted. (See D.)

On motion, E. T. Smyth, collections taken on to-morrow (Sabbath) ordered divided equally between the Foreign and Domestic Mission Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Adjourned to Monday 9 a. m. Prayer by Elder Jno. B. Mynatt.

#### *Devotional.*

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Saturday, 2 p. m.: In Grove—Sermon by Elder W. C. McCall of Georgia.

At Night: Baptist church—Sermon by Elder S. G. Jenkins.

Sabbath, 9 a. m.: S. S. Address, by W. Wilkes.

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Sabbath, same hour, in Grove—Sermon by Elder J. J. D. Renfroe.

Sabbath, 8 p. m. : Baptist church—Sermon by Elder Paul Castleberry.

Monday, 2 p. m. : Baptist church—Sermon by Elder W. Wilkes.

*Fourth Day—Sunday.*

9 a. m. : Assembled pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Gordon Mynatt.

Minutes of Saturday read and adopted.

On motion, E. T. Smyth, calling of roll dispensed with this morning. Report Executive Committee read by Brother C. R. Cross. After remarks by Wilkes, Gwin, Wright and Henderson, report adopted. (See E.)

On motion, E. T. Smyth, same executive committee was extended with the insertion of the name of Brother I. B. Merriam in place of Brother Stone who expects to leave the State. Report of the Treasurer of the Executive committee read by Brother Cross, and adopted. (See F.)

Report on Sabbath Schools read by chairman, and adopted without discussion. (See G.)

Report Finance Committee submitted by Brother D. B. Oden and adopted. (See H.)

On motion, J. J. D. Renfroe, Chairman committee Education Elder Gwin in the chair, the following resolutions, after being earnestly discussed by the mover, and by Henderson, Smyth, Cross and Gordon Mynatt, were adopted :

*Resolved*, That it is consistent with the objects and principles of the Coosa River Association to encourage the education of the youth of the land, and to extend co-operation and sympathy to such institutions of learning as Howard College, the Judson Female Institute of Marion, and the Central Female College at Tuscaloosa, and the Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

*Resolved*, That assistance in educating young brethren preparing for the Ministry is a branch of this work which appeals to us with peculiar importance and emphasis; and we earnestly desire that the churches of this body will hereafter report a fund for this cause in order that our Association may annually support at least one young minister in prosecuting educational preparation for the Gospel Ministry.

The above resolutions amended by the addition of the following :

*Resolved*, That Elder J. J. D. Renfroe be appointed to receive the amounts pledged for ministerial education. And that Renfroe, Henderson, Wilkes and Smyth be appointed a committee to designate some young man upon whom these funds shall be bestowed in College.

Also, that delegates to this Association be requested to present the claims of ministerial education before the churches which they represent, at their earliest convenience, and send to Brother Renfro, at Talladega, whatever amounts they may be able to collect.

At this point, pledges to support this enterprise were solicited. The names of subscribers with amounts pledged appear in Appendix under (J.)

On motion, the next session of the Association will be held with Blue Eye church, Talladega county, commencing Friday before 3rd Sabbath in September, 1879. Elder W. Wilkes was elected to preach Introductory Sermon, Elder J. J. D. Renfro, Alternate.

On motion, E. T. Smyth, contributions for sufferers from Yellow Fever in Memphis, solicited

Remarks on this worthy object by Jno. B. Mynatt, Smyth and others. Cash contributed \$15.20.

A committee, consisting of W. Wilkes, S. Henderson and J. J. D. Renfro, appointed to prepare a paper in memory of our late aged Brother, Elder J. M. Scott.

On motion E. T. Smyth, the following by J. L. Wilkes adopted.

Since our last Annual Meeting, death has removed from us our young and talented brother, GRAVES RENFROE, whose absence in the place so efficiently filled by him as an Officer of our body, during several sessions past, cast a gloom around us, rekindling, in a measure, the feelings experienced upon the announcement of his sad, though triumphant death. And we do therefore :

*Resolve*, That in his death this body has lost a valuable officer, a useful and beloved member; and we deem his memory eminently worthy of a tender and lasting tribute. As an evidence of this, we publish upon our Minutes this tribute to his name, offering, with our tears, our sympathy to his loved ones, who are bereaved indeed.

On motion, C. R. Cross, clerk allowed twenty dollars for his services, and to have printed and distributed as many copies of Minutes as funds would allow.

On motion, L. Law, the following, by S. Henderson, adopted:

WHEREAS, It is a matter of vital importance that the work of our State Mission Board be distinctly understood by our churches, so that they may be in hearty sympathy with its operations, Therefore :

*Resolved*, That the pastors of our churches be requested to present the work of this Board before their churches, and urge them to afford that material aid essential to the successful prosecution of this grand enterprise.

On motion, S. Henderson, Clerk was instructed to prepare and print a table showing amount of funds contributed by each church to various objects during the past year. And delegates asked to give the clerk, immediately, information needed to prepare such table.

On motion, W. Wilkes,

*Resolved*, That among other names stricken by death from our list, we mention as a lamentable one, our brother R. Corner, deacon of Coldwater church.

On motion, C. R. Cross,

*Resolved*, That the Sulphur Spring church and community, deserve, and we hereby tender them our thanks for their bountiful hospitality during the outgoing session of our meeting.

On motion, C. R. Cross, the Association, after singing "Children of the Heavenly King," extending the parting hand, was declared adjourned, with the blessings of Heaven invoked by the closing prayer of Elder W. C. Mynatt.

J. J. D. RENFROE, Moderator.

JAS. L. WILKES, Clerk.

## APPENDIX.

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(1.)

### *Report on Indigent Ministers Fund.*

The Trustees of Indigent Ministers Fund make the following report: Our efforts to accumulate and invest this fund, on the whole, have been attendant with satisfactory results. The fund now invested in safe hands amounts to \$1836 46. We have disbursed to the children of deceased Ministers \$96 54. It will, therefore, be seen that this sacred charity fund is gradually but steadily accumulating. This can but be a source of profound satisfaction to every christian who cherishes any grateful recollections of the services of our departed worthies. We also note, with pleasure, that at the last meeting of our State Convention, by a resolution of that body, an able committee of laymen was appointed to digest and report at next meeting of that body, a plan to raise a similar fund for the State at large. Thus we may hope that our efforts in this respect, feeble though they be, will stimulate others to attend to long neglected service—a service that appeals to the deepest sympathies of the heart.

In the light of these facts, we suggest to the Association that an earnest, persistent effort be made, beginning at this meeting, to raise the fund already accumulated up to the amount we originally set out to realize, to-wit:

Two thousand, five hundred dollars (\$250) and that we do not abate our efforts until this end is accomplished. We are persuaded that those who do properly cherish the memory of our sainted dead, will cheerfully combine their efforts to reach this result; and we will hope that no one will attempt to embarrass a work so grateful to the memory of our deceased Ministers, and so cheering to their bereaved families.

JAMES HEADEN, Chairman.

(B)

*Treasurer's Report.*

Sept. 1878. J. K. Elliott, to Coosa River Association.

To cash received from Finance Committee for Minutes, : : : : :	Dr. \$ 79 90
Domestic Mission Board, : : : : :	31 30
Indian " " : : : : :	1 60
Foreign " " : : : : :	9 00
State " " : : : : :	56 03
Associational Mission Board, : : : : :	65 10
Public collection for Foreign Missions, : : : : :	6 30
Indigent Minister's Fund, : : : : :	6 85
State Missions, : : : : :	33 75
Aggregate, : : : : :	\$289 82

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By cash paid C. R. Cross, Treasurer Associational Mission Board, as pr. Voucher No. 1, : : :	\$ 65 10
By cash paid C. R. Cross, to be applied to the Indigent Minister's Fund, as pr. Voucher No. 2, : : :	6 85
By cash paid I. B. Merriam, Treasurer State Mission Board, as per Voucher No. 3, : : :	56 03
By cash paid Graves Renfroe, Clerk of the Association, to be applied as directed by the Association, as per Voucher No. 4, : : :	161 85
Aggregate, : : : : :	\$289 83

Respectfully Submitted,

J. K. ELLIOTT, Treasurer.

(C.)

*Family Religion.*

Your committee would report that, as an organization for instruction, both secular and religious, we find in the family constitution, teachers and pupils, subjects, opportunities and methods of instruction. It is a school in its widest sense, and in this aspect of its nature alone, is suggestive of many interesting considerations. "As in the government, so in the instruction of the family, the husband and father is the head." 1st Cor., 14:35. Also 1st Tim., 2:11-12, Still the wife is his

associate as well as pupil. Thus both parents are teachers; and whatever be their character and that of their instruction, must be efficient. On the minds and hearts of their pupils, for the most part their children, they make the earliest and most durable impressions. Their teaching may not be of a very high intellectual character, and yet even in this respect, their moral qualifications, arising from the instincts of parental affection, and their relation to the child, together with the opportunities they enjoy of giving early and repeated lessons, confer on them a great advantage for a successful communication of religious training. And then, by their example, daily admonitions and advice, they are capable of exciting their children to greater activity and eagerness in religious development and improvement. We must also bear in mind that the earliest process of instruction begins at the earliest period. The mother's chamber is the best infant school room.

The parent has access to the mind and heart before the faculties of the one have been injured by injudicious modes of culture, and the affections of the other have become set on that which is evil, and alienated from that which is good. In early life, children are more susceptible of instruction in things than in words. They are naturally inquisitive, credulous and confiding. Then is the period of imparting the knowledge of important facts, and for making impressions; of useful truths; and for such a work no one is so suited as the parent, and no place so suitable as the family circle. It is especially in regard to moral training that this fireside training evinces its superiority to any other. The daily and almost hourly opportunities of the parent for inculcating love of truth, the practice of self-denial, and the practice of forbearance, gentleness and kindred virtues, and of correcting tendencies to evil; afford an advantage for such culture nowhere else to be found, even could as suitable teachers as parents be procured. And just those methods of teaching which the companionship of children and parents dictates, are just such as the peculiar circumstances of the former demand. Principles and habits must be inculcated by continued and frequently repeated efforts; by little and little rather than by set forms of admonitions and protracted lectures. But parents are not the only teachers in this home school.

Children become teachers of children, and servants and dependents may be, in turn, teachers and taught. Parents, themselves, are in this school, to confirm the lessons which duty, instructed out of God's Word, impart; and there is ever going on, in ten thousands of families, processes of moral and religious training, which will mould the character and shape the destiny of man. The religious influence of family worship on all, but especially on the children, constitutes its

highest commendation. They are thus led, from the earliest period, to feel that God is to be honored, is the source of every good and perfect gift, and that to know, love, fear and trust Him, is the highest privilege and most solemn duty. By this service, the first instructions of lisping infancy and childhood are enforced by daily examples; and the lessons of God's Word, sanctioned by the conduct of a revered father, will be more indelibly impressed on the hearts of those who receive them. On the head of a family who conducts the household devotions, his position as the leader of others, his increasing familiarity with the truths, thus twice daily brought to his attention, and his confessions and prayers, must exert a salutary influence. If blessed with a pious wife, he will contribute to her advancement in holy living.

Her spirits will be refreshed, her anxieties soothed and her soul strengthened, while he leads her in devotion to the throne of grace. And if she be not pious, this daily service will be a most efficient method by which to point her to heaven and lead the way. The Bible supplies lessons of religious instruction peculiarly adapted to interest the attention and impress the hearts of the young, and should be read regularly at family worship. Nor should we forget that music forms an important part of the public worship, of God

It refines the sensibilities, and trains the mind to a susceptibility for all delicate and softening influences. Children accustomed to sing in family worship, generally become fond of the exercise, and the habit of singing becomes not only a valuable and pleasing exercise for the mind, but will preclude the entrance of many evil thoughts, and by association introduce some most important and valuable reflections.

Respectfully Submitted,  
E. T. SMYTH, Chairman.

(D.)

#### *Foreign Missions.*

The enlargement of the Foreign field by recent events presents a strong appeal to our consideration. All Europe, a large portion of Asia and Africa are open to us, and many places are quite inviting. Positions now occupied, need to be strengthened; and other places, not less promising, ought to be filled by the messengers of salvation. We cannot too earnestly call attention to this vast field. Never has the world offered such motives to evangelistic work. We have every encouragement that God's promises can give, and that a world lying in wickedness can supply. Let us go up and possess the land.

Respectfully Submitted,  
S. HENDERSON, Chairman.



associate as well as pupil. Thus both parents are teachers; and whatever be their character and that of their instruction, must be efficient. On the minds and hearts of their pupils, for the most part their children, they make the earliest and most durable impressions. Their teaching may not be of a very high intellectual character, and yet even in this respect, their moral qualifications, arising from the instincts of parental affection, and their relation to the child, together with the opportunities they enjoy of giving early and repeated lessons, confer on them a great advantage for a successful communication of religious training. And then, by their example, daily admonitions and advice, they are capable of exciting their children to greater activity and eagerness in religious development and improvement. We must also bear in mind that the earliest process of instruction begins at the earliest period. The mother's chamber is the best infant school room.

The parent has access to the mind and heart before the faculties of the one have been injured by injudicious modes of culture, and the affections of the other have become set on that which is evil, and alienated from that which is good. In early life, children are more susceptible of instruction in things than in words. They are naturally inquisitive, credulous and confiding. Then is the period of imparting the knowledge of important facts, and for making impressions; of useful truths; and for such a work no one is so suited as the parent, and no place so suitable as the family circle. It is especially in regard to moral training that this fireside training evinces its superiority to any other. The daily and almost hourly opportunities of the parent for inculcating love of truth, the practice of self-denial, and the practice of forbearance, gentleness and kindred virtues, and of correcting tendencies to evil; afford an advantage for such culture nowhere else to be found, even could as suitable teachers as parents be procured. And just those methods of teaching which the companionship of children and parents dictates, are just such as the peculiar circumstances of the former demand. Principles and habits must be inculcated by continued and frequently repeated efforts; by little and little rather than by set forms of admonitions and protracted lectures. But parents are not the only teachers in this home school.

Children become teachers of children, and servants and dependents may be, in turn, teachers and taught. Parents, themselves, are in this school, to confirm the lessons which duty, instructed out of God's Word, impart; and there is ever going on, in ten thousands of families, processes of moral and religious training, which will mould the character and shape the destiny of man. The religious influence of family worship on all, but especially on the children, constitutes its

highest commendation. They are thus led, from the earliest period, to feel that God is to be honored, is the source of every good and perfect gift, and that to know, love, fear and trust Him, is the highest privilege and most solemn duty. By this service, the first instructions of lisping infancy and childhood are enforced by daily examples; and the lessons of God's Word, sanctioned by the conduct of a revered father, will be more indelibly impressed on the hearts of those who receive them. On the head of a family who conducts the household devotions, his position as the leader of others, his increasing familiarity with the truths thus twice daily brought to his attention, and his confessions and prayers, must exert a salutary influence. If blessed with a pious wife, he will contribute to her advancement in holy living.

Her spirits will be refreshed, her anxieties soothed and her soul strengthened, while he leads her in devotion to the throne of grace. And if she be not pious, this daily service will be a most efficient method by which to point her to heaven and lead the way. The Bible supplies lessons of religious instruction peculiarly adapted to interest the attention and impress the hearts of the young, and should be read regularly at family worship. Nor should we forget that music forms an important part of the public worship, of God

It refines the sensibilities, and trains the mind to a susceptibility for all delicate and softening influences. Children accustomed to sing in family worship, generally become fond of the exercise, and the habit of singing becomes not only a valuable and pleasing exercise for the mind, but will preclude the entrance of many evil thoughts, and by association introduce some most important and valuable reflections.

Respectfully Submitted,  
E. T. SMYTH, Chairman.

(D.)

*Foreign Missions.*

The enlargement of the Foreign field by recent events presents a strong appeal to our consideration. All Europe, a large portion of Asia and Africa are open to us, and many places are quite inviting. Positions now occupied, need to be strengthened; and other places, not less promising, ought to be filled by the messengers of salvation. We cannot too earnestly call attention to this vast field. Never has the world offered such motives to evangelistic work. We have every encouragement that God's promises can give, and that a world lying in wickedness can supply. Let us go up and possess the land.

Respectfully Submitted,  
S. HENDERSON, Chairman.

*(E.) Report of the Executive Committee.*

Your committee has still continued Brother Wm. S. Griffin at Dry Creek Station, eight miles west of Oxford, and about same distance from Alexandria. From the best information we can get, this is an important station and should be held. Brother Griffin reports large and attentive congregations, and a manifest desire for him to continue his appointments. At a three days meeting held, great interest was manifested, many expressed a desire to be saved. There is a Sabbath School kept regularly at this station. He also occupied a station about eight miles south-east of Jacksonville and about four miles from Weavers Station on the rail road, at a new school house in the dark corner proper. At this place he has large congregations and strong solicitations to continue his appointments. Brother Griffin reports 19 days services at the two stations. We also procured the services of Brother S. G. Jenkins to fill a few appointments near and at the house of old Brother Mobley's, about six miles south of Tall-dega. He reports good congregations and same desire for him to continue. He reports five and one-half days services. We have also supplemented the salaries of Bros. T. P. Gwin and Nall. Pastors of Cave Creek and Pilgrim Rest churches, to the amount of \$20 each. Respectfully Submitted,

G. R. CROSS, Chairman.

*(F.) Report Treasurer Executive Committee.*

G. R. Cross, in account with Executive Committee Coosa River Baptist Association.

To balance on hand September 17, 1877,	:	:	\$ 74 50
“ amt. rec'd. of J. K. Elliott, September 17, 1877,	:	:	
Treasurer C. B. A.	:	:	65 10
Aggregate,	:	:	\$139 60

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Sept. 14. By cash paid Bro. S. J. Jenkins for 5 1-2 days services as Missionary @ 1 50 dy	\$ 8 25
By cash paid Wm T. Griffin for 19 days services as Missionary @ 1 50 pr day,	28 50
By cash paid Bro. T. P. Gwin, supplement to salary at Cave Creek Church,	20 00
By cash paid Bro. Haywood for Bro. Nall, supplement to salary at Pilgrim Rest,	20 00

Aggregate, : : \$76 75

Balance on hand Sept. 14, 1878, \$62 85.

C. R. CROSS, Treasurer.

(7.)

*Report on Sabbath Schools.*

Your Committee on Sunday Schools report a favorable condition of the work of the Sabbath School Enterprise within the bounds of our Association. Where a few years ago Sunday Schools were unknown and even unheard of, can now be found active organizations embracing entire communities; and whether or not they may justly be termed "the right arm of the Church," or "the Church at work," they are at least valuable auxiliaries in the promotion of the cause of Christ, and as such, should be fostered by all lovers of the truth as it is in Jesus. While much good is being done by these schools by way of unifying and building up the churches in whose bounds they are located, yet their efficiency might be improved by an occasional coming together in mass meetings, held at central points at which lectures, teachers conferences and illustrations of Sabbath School work, would throw much light upon the work, and thereby strengthen the schools. As a committee, we are unable to exhibit the strength of the schools in our bounds, as we have no statistical reports sent from the schools to the Association. We therefore recommend: 1st., That in the future letters from the churches to the Association, the statistics of their respective sabbath school be presented with the statistics usually sent in those letters. - 2nd., That our churches be urged to organize strictly denominational schools, the officers thereof to be selected by the church in conference, and the schools to report quarterly, or annually as may be deemed best, as to their progress, statistics and financial condition.

3rd., That our Sabbath Schools use 'KIND WORDS,' published in Macon, Georgia, as a vehicle of instruction.

4th.; That the pastors of the churches of this Association preach at least one or two sermons a year in the interest of Sabbath Schools, especially to the children of their congregations.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Law,  
Wm. F. McCain,  
I. Purcell

(II) The undersigned Committee on Finance, beg leave to submit the following report :

CHURCHES.	Asso. Missions	Dom. Missions	Indian Missions	Foreign Miss.	State Missions	Minister	Total
Cold Water					1 50	1 50	
Sulphur Springs					3 00	3 00	
Antioch					6 00	2 00	8 00
Salem					2 00	2 00	
Oxford					5 00	5 00	
Jacksonville					2 00	2 00	
Mt Zion, Calhoun					4 00	4 00	
Oak Bowery					18 00	2 00	20 00
Cane Creek					1 50	1 50	
Munford					4 00	4 00	
Blue Eye					2 50	2 50	
Talladega					4 65	4 65	
Ferryville					2 00	2 00	
Pleasant Grove					2 50	2 50	
Refuge					2 00	2 00	
Alpine			25 00		25 00	5 00	55 00
Hepzibah					3 00	3 00	
Fort Williams					9 50	3 00	12 50
Tallassehatchie					2 00	2 00	
Childersburg					15 00	3 00	18 00
Mt. Zion, Talladega					3 00	3 00	
Rocky Mount					2 00	2 00	
Harperaville					4 09	4 00	
Spring Creek					2 00	2 00	
Macedonia					2 30	2 30	
Mount Sharon					1 55	1 00	2 55
Goosa Valley					2 50	2 50	
Cave Creek					2 00	2 00	
Pilgrims Rest					1 00	1 00	
Post Oak Springs					3 00	3 00	
Union					1 00	1 00	
Jenkins Fund	50 00						50 00
Mrs. S Mullens	30						30

Received from churches for Minutes,	\$80 45
" " " " Indian Missions,	25 00
" " " " State " "	75 00
" " " " Associationl Missions,	30
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	180 80
Public collection for Domestic Mission,	8 90
" " " Foreign " "	8 90
" " " Yellow Fever Sufferers,	10 20
" " " State Missions,	5 00
" " " Indigent Ministers,	5 00
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Total,	223 80

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. B. ODEN,  
S. B. GLAZENER,  
E. B. WEAVER.

(I.) Pledges to constitute a Fund for Educating a young Minister. Payable to J. J. D. Renfroe, Talladega, Ala.

E T Smyth,	10 00	J J D Renfroe,	5 00
Jas Kelly,	5 00	E M Gray,	5 00
L Murke,	1 00	J McCain,	1 00
S Henderson,	10 00	H D Moore,	5 00
W Wilkes,	5 00	S B Glazener,	5 00
A W McCain,	2 50	Simon Morris,	2 50
Henderson & Henderson,	5 00	K J Thomas, paid	2 50
D B Olen,	2 50	G W L Loyd, paid	2 50
E V Weaver, paid	2 50	G B Douthit,	5 00
W F McCain,	2 00	S. Jphur Spr'gs church,	5 00
A W McGaha,	2 50	W Y Hall,	1 00
E D McGellan,	2 00	Jas Embrey,	2 00
J J Embrey,	2 00	D W Ligon, paid	50
Mrs Z Henderson,	1 00	Mrs J Y Henderson,	1 00
W A Pruett,	50	V L Wier,	2 50
C L Hammend,	2 50	G D Walker,	1 00
W O Regan,	1 00	T P Gwin, jr.,	1 00
A R Phillips,	1 00	Jno B Mynatt,	1 00
		Total,	\$106.50.

(J.) Pledges to State Mission Board, due March 1, 1879

Sulphur Springs,	10 00	Antioch church,	10 00
Salem,	10 00	E T Smyth's ch's,	50 00
Jacksonville,	10 00	Mt Zion. (Cathou),	25 00
Blue Eye,	10 00	Talladega,	25 00
Refuge,	10 00	Alpine,	50 00

Hephseibah,	10 00	Childersburg,	15 00
Mt Zion, (Talladega,)	15 00	Spring Creek,	10 00
Macedonia,	10 00	Coosa Valley,	12 50
Union,	5 00	Post Oak Spring,	5 00
J K Elliott, Pla't Grove,	5 00	E Hayward, Pilg'm rest	3 00
A J Barnett, Rocky Mt.,	3 00	L Waters, Ft Williams	5 00
Z Henderson,	5 00	W H Hallman,	2 00
J T Vincent sulphur sp'gs	3 00	T R Burns, Blue Eye,	5 00
Dr J H Jones, Brunar,	3 00	A W McCain Mumford	2 50
		B B Nunnely, Cane Creek,	2 00
Cash raised, \$5 00, Total, \$336 00			

## ELDER J. M. SCOTT.

TRUE greatness is found in the motives that prompt men, and the objects they seek to obtain. Quiet usefulness is the highest glory of sanctified nature. Doing good to our fellow-men without hope of their praise, or fear of their censure is the truest heroism. The beauty of character is seen mostly in the rectitude of its purposes and the uniformity of its course for their prosecution. The majesty of christianity is displayed in its most impressive radiance by its unpretending votaries.

The pure philosophy of human life is in *what we do and why we do it*. The track of our frontier fathers points out the most sacred pathway in the soldiery of the King of Zion. Where they traveled and labored, and wept and rejoiced our fondest memories linger, to catch the holy fragrance which their consecrated lives imparted to the pensive desert-air. Let the names of such veterans have the highest niche in the temple of true christian fame. And among these names is to be recorded that of our venerable and sainted J. M. Scott. Born in the natal year of our National Independence, he lived through its first century, and died about the time of its expiration. Shelby county may be proud indeed of having given Alabama several good statesmen, and now our Governor; but nothing can furnish a brighter chapter in the history of that county than the life and labors, for near half a century, and finally the death and the last sleeping place in her soil, of such a man as this wonderful servant of God.

Bro. Scott was born the 8th January, 1776, and died the 7th of October, 1877.

In building up the Harpersville church, and house of worship, the chairman of this report was not a little encouraged by the sympathies and prayers of so experienced and ripe a theologian. Nor did I ever, during four years pastorate, feel willing to bear the loss sustained by failing to call at the home of this truly great man. For there one could receive lessons and impressions which could be enjoyed scarcely any where else.

Having filled up the great measure of his days according to the will of God, he breathed away his spirit and went to his reward on Oct. 7th, 1877. His funeral services were conducted by the present pastor, J. J. D. Reulroe D. D., at the family residence, on 9th Oct. 1877.

Thus like a patriarch, died our brother, and with the patriarchs and prophets he has found his long sought home

W. WILKES, CHRM.

Table showing annual expenditures of Churches to various objects:

CHURCHES.	Pastor's salary	State Missions	Home and Foreign Miss.	Incidentals and Improvement	Associational and General	Total
Talladega .....	900 00	50 00	.....	2 74 00	500	302900
Alpine .....	6 10 00	25 00	25 00	.....	35157	100157
Mt Zion, Calhoun ..	225 00	65 50	.....	75 00	900	37450
Jacksonville .....	140 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	14500
Oxford .....	400 00	37 11	.....	.....	500	44211
Harpersville .....	300 00	30 00	.....	.....	900	33900
Munford .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	1500
Childersburg .....	150 00	15 00	.....	.....	800	17300
Mt Zion, Talladega	200 00	15 00	.....	50 00	300	26800
Sulphur Springs .....	75 00	15 00	.....	.....	300	9300
Union .....	50 00	.....	.....	.....	100	5100
Coosa Valley .....	.....	12 50	.....	.....	250	1500
Spring Creek .....	.....	10 00	5 00	.....	200	1700
Oak Bowery .....	.....	20 00	.....	.....	200	2200
Mount Sharon .....	.....	1 55	.....	.....	100	255
Antioch .....	.....	5 75	.....	.....	200	775
Salem .....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	200	800

S. S. Incidentals.—Talladega, \$75; Jacksonville, \$15; Mt. Zion, Talladega, \$15; Union, \$15.

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## RULES OF DECORUM.

Rule 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Rule 2. A Moderator and clerk shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

Rule 3. The names of the members shall be called each day before proceeding to business, and no member shall absent himself from the Association, unless he have leave or be sick and unable to attend.

Rule 4. Visiting ministering brethren present shall be invited to seats in the Association.

Rule 5. The Moderator shall preside over the Association, preserve order, and appoint all committees, with the sanction of the Association.

Rule 6. The Moderator may speak in debate on any question, appoint some other member to fill the chair temporarily, but shall not vote except in case of a tie.

Rule 7. The Moderator shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association by any two members.

Rule 8. Every member, when speaking, shall rise from his seat, respectfully address the Moderator, confine himself to the question before the body, and avoid personalities.

Rule 9. A motion made must be seconded and stated by the Moderator before debating; and every motion shall be reduced to writing if the Moderator or any member desire it.

Rule 10. When a motion is stated by the Moderator, it is in possession of the Association; but may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before a decision or amendment.

Rule 11. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received except to lay on the table, postpone indefinitely, commit or amend; which said motion shall have precedence in the order in which they are stated; but a motion to adjourn is always in order, except when a member is speaking or the body engaged in voting.

Rule 12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, the Rules of Decorum, or the reception or exclusion of churches, shall be decided by a majority of the votes; in the excepted cases, two thirds are required.

Rule 13. Filling blanks with particular numbers, the question shall first be taken on the highest number and longest time.

Rule 14. When a motion has once been decided, a member voting with the majority may move for a re-consideration on any day during the session.

Rule 15. No speaker shall be interrupted, unless he be out of order, and no member shall speak more than twice on the same proposition without leave of the Association.

Rule 16. No practice shall be allowed which has a tendency to interrupt speaking, or the business of the Association.

Rule 17. The appellation of "brother" shall be used by members in their addresses one to another.

Rule 18. The clerk shall read these rules at the opening of every session of the Association.

Rule 19. Any member violating these rules shall be re-proved by the Moderator.

NOTE.—The sum under head of "Associational and General Contributions" by Alpine church includes \$147.40 to Convention, \$49 to Senimary, \$50 Jenkins Fund and \$109.17 collected and disbursed by the "Ladies Aid Society." of that church.

This table is incomplete. No information from churches not reported. It is desired that clerks of the churches will notice this, and send, with the statistics in their church letters, the information needed to make the report complete and satisfactory in future.

CLERK.

## SCALE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICE.	PASTORS.	Baptized	Received by letter	Excluded	Received	Total
FIRST DISTRICT.							
Cold Water	Oxford	S G Jenkins	3	5	9		109
Sulphur Springs	Brannan	T P Gwin	1	3	12	2	151
Antioch	Oxford	S G Jenkins		1	3		44
Salom	Eastaboga	Gordon Mynatt	10	12	5		57
Oxford	Oxford	E T Smyth		11	9	1	173
Jacksonville	Jacksonville	J S Dill		1			64
Mt Zion, Calhoun	Alexandria	S Henderson	1	1	1	3	104
Oak Bowery	Cane Creek	Wm C Mynatt	5	17	3	1	104
Cane Creek	Martins X Road	T K Trotter	1	2			82
Munford	Munford	E T Smyth	1	5	8	2	78
Potter Oak Spring	Alexandria	T P Gwin	15	4	8	1	165
SECOND DISTRICT.							
Cave Creek	Weavers	T P Gwin	3	7			45
Blue Eye	Lincoln	S G Jenkins	10		13	1	59
Talladega	Talladega	J J D Renfro		8	10	4	158
Ferryville	Ferryville	J A Collins	5	5	7		76
Refuge	Lincoln	Wm F McCain	10	10	10	1	105
Pleasant Grove	Talladega	T P Gwin		3	14	4	64
Alpine	Alpine	S Penderson	6	6	4	1	84
Hephzibah	Talladega	T P Gwin		3	6		82
THIRD DISTRICT.							
Pilgrim's Rest	Talladega	J N Nall	2	1	1		23
Ft Williams	Fayetteville	E B Teague		1	7	1	121
Tallashatchie	Sycamore	E T Smyth		1	5	2	125
Mt Zion, Talladega	Sylacauga	W Wilkes		12	1	1	83
Childersburg	Childersburg	S Henderson	5	2	1	1	61
Rockyount	Hatchet Creek	John Garrett	6	6	2	1	55
Union	Lincoln	Wm F McCain	4	7	1		24
FOURTH DISTRICT.							
Harpersville	Harpersville	J J D Renfro	1	7			2100
Spring Creek	Harpersville	W W Kidd		2	3	1	47
Macedonia	Kelly's Creek	W W Kidd		1			61
Coosa Valley	Cropwell	Lealia Law	1	7	6		84
Mount Sharon	Fayetteville	J R Stealy	3		2		139

